

Public Hearing on The Clover Creek Preserve Project

8/28/2003

City Council, Special Meeting
Council Chambers
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California

August 28, 2003 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cibula with the following Council Members present: Kight, Pohlmeyer, and Stegall. Council Member Mathena was absent. Also present were City Manager Warren, Deputy City Manager Starman, City Attorney Fuller, City Engineer Goodwin, Senior Planner Hanson, Senior Redevelopment Project Coordinator Haddox, and City Clerk Strohmayer.

PUBLIC HEARING - Clover Creek Flood Protection and Environmental Enhancement Project funding in partnership with the California Department of Water Resources (P-050-135 & S-060-150-165)

The hour of 12:00 p.m. having arrived, Mayor Cibula opened the public hearing regarding Clover Creek Flood Protection and Environmental Enhancement Project (Project) funding.

The following documents are on file in the Office of the City Clerk:

Affidavit of Publication - Notice of Public Hearing

Affidavit of Mailing - Notice of Public Hearing

City Clerk Strohmayer advised that a letter was received from Maureen Robinson, representing the Clover Creek Coalition, expressing support for the Project. City Manager Warren explained that the Clover Creek Preserve is an area prone to flooding and rather than install standard flood control measures, staff developed a plan to accomplish flood control while providing a recreational area that will benefit the entire community. Mayor Cibula added that to date, the Project has received \$5 million in various grants and the City Council has an opportunity to consider accepting additional funding to move forward with this worthwhile project.

Deputy City Manager Starman provided highlights of the Report to City Council dated August 21, 2003, stating that the grant for the Project in the amount of \$2.7 million from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) through its Flood Protection Corridor Program (FPCP) will address essential flood control issues, while restoring the Clover Creek area for passive recreation including enhancements such as walking trails, interpretive signage, parking areas, and a footbridge. He noted that \$400,000 of the grant monies will be used to fund an endowment to ensure long-term maintenance of the area.

Mr. Starman recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution accepting the FPCP grant and authorize the City Manager to execute necessary documentation relative to the grant.

State Project Manager Bonnie Ross, representing the Sacramento DWR Flood Management Division, stated that the FPCP was developed in the year 2000 through State Ballot Proposition 13 to assist with funding flood control projects that use non-structural approaches to flood control management. She stated that Redding's Project met the necessary criteria for this type of grant and has been selected to receive \$2.7 million in funds. She added that as proposed, the Project would be a beautiful addition to the area.

Kevin Hawes, Redding resident, posed the following questions about the Project: 1) in light of the State requirement which prohibits structures for the Project, would an existing well have to be removed, 2) would restroom facilities be provided along the trail, 3) the hours of operation, 4) would the park be locked after closing, and 5) would there be a charge for use.

Mr. Starman responded that the existing well site and pump house will remain to assist in landscape irrigation and to maintain a six-acre pond proposed at the site. He added that restrooms are not contemplated for the area at this time, but the infrastructure and plumbing will be put in place so that if sufficient contingency funds remain at the end of construction, restrooms can be added. He related that the park will be available from dusk to dawn in keeping with other City parks and there will be no charge for use. He explained that plans include eventual construction of a residence at the location to provide for a caretaker who will be responsible to open and close the park gates and monitor activities. He noted that the residence is included in the total Project scope. In response to Mayor Cibula, Mr. Starman advised that alternative energy sources will be used for the Project, particularly for the future residence, which will be energy efficient and incorporate the most recent technology. The home will serve as a model of what can be accomplished through energy efficiency while remaining sensitive to the environment. Ms. Ross clarified that the non-structural criteria for the Project relates to flood control structures, such as dams or walls.

James Holden, Redding resident, expressed concern that property he owns near the Project will be undevelopable. He noted that over the years, zoning has become more and more restrictive. Mr. Starman explained that the Project will reduce the amount of flood plain in the area which may benefit many of the surrounding property owners. He added that an additional benefit to the area will be the extension of Shasta View Drive, which is included in the Project scope of work.

Clinton Knighten, Redding resident, asked if the road extension will be in the first phase of the Project. Mr. Starman responded that rough grading and fill will be

done initially, but a separate City street project is slated to begin concurrently or shortly thereafter to complete that portion of Shasta View Drive. Mayor Cibula determined that no other individual wished to address this matter and closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Kight, seconded by Council Member Pohlmeier, adopting Resolution No. 2003-131, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding authorizing execution of an Agreement with the State of California Department of Water Resources for grant funds under the Flood Protection Corridor Program for the Clover Creek Flood Protection and Environmental Enhancement Project. The Vote:

AYES: Council Members - Kight, Pohlmeier, Stegall, and Cibula

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSTAIN: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - Mathena

Resolution No. 2003-131 is on file in the Office of the City Clerk

There being no further business, at the hour of 12:22 p.m., Mayor Cibula declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk